



**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
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IN THE MATTER OF:

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
*AVENAL ENERGY PROJECT***

DOCKET No. 08-AFC-1

COMMITTEE ORDER GRANTING AND DENYING PETITIONS TO INTERVENE

Upon consideration of the Petitions to Intervene filed recently by Petitioners Center on Race, Poverty & The Environment (CRPE), Tehipite Chapter, Sierra Club, Rob Simpson, and Charles M. Ashley the Committee designated to conduct proceedings in this matter makes the following findings:

1. On June 5, 2009, the Petitions to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding were filed by:

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2. On June 8, 2009, a Petition to Intervene in the above-caption proceeding and a Request to Stay Proceedings Pending Commission Posting of Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) was filed by:

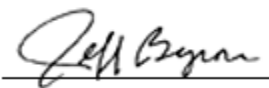
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3. On June 10, 2009, a Petition to Intervene in the above-caption proceeding was filed by:

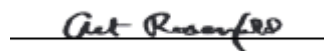
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4. In a response filed on June 10, 2009, Applicant stated it did not oppose the Petitions to Intervene filed on June 5, 2009.
5. The Petitions filed on June 5 and June 8, 2009, were timely filed and contain the information required by section 1207 of the Commission's regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1207);
6. Petitioners' interests appear relevant to this proceeding.
7. However, the Petition to Intervene filed on June 10, 2009, by Charles M. Ashley, was filed after the legal deadline and is not timely. Section 1207 (b) of the Commission's regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20 § 1207 (b)) requires petitions to intervene in power plant cases to be filed either 30 days prior to evidentiary hearings or by the Prehearing Conference, whichever is earlier. Evidentiary hearings in this case begin on July 7, 2009, making June 8, 2009 the last day to file a timely petition to intervene.
8. **THEREFORE**, the Committee **ORDERS** that the timely filed Petitions to Intervene in this matter be **GRANTED** to the extent that Petitioners shall be placed upon the Proof of Service List as Intervenors. Petitioners may exercise the rights and shall fulfill the obligations of a party as set forth in section 1712 of the Commission's regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1712.) The deadlines for conducting discovery in this case are past and other matters shall not be extended by the granting of these Petitions. Therefore, Petitioner Simpson's Request to Stay Proceeding is specifically **DENIED**. Parties may participate in all remaining events in the case as shown on the attached schedule issued by the Committee on April 24, 2009.
9. The Commission has no provision for hardship status petitions. Petitioners' will be **REQUIRED** to file all documents with the Docket Unit by filing a single original hard copy and one electronic copy and to serve all documents upon all parties electronically using the email addresses provided on the Proof of Service list.
10. Further, the Executive Director or her designee shall ensure that Petitioners are immediately provided with a copy of the Application for Certification (AFC).

Dated June 11, 2009 at Sacramento, California



JEFFREY D. BYRON
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Avenal AFC Committee



ARTHUR H. ROSENFELD
Commissioner and Associate Member
Avenal AFC Committee

REVISED SCHEDULE

**Avenal Energy Project
April 24, 2009**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
June 1, 2009	Staff Files Final Staff Assessment
June 8, 2009	All other parties file testimony
June 15, 2009	All parties file rebuttal testimony
June 22, 2009	All parties file Prehearing Conference Statements
June 30, 2009	Prehearing Conference*
July 7, 2009	Evidentiary Hearing*
Pending	Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)
Pending	Committee Conference on PMPD
Pending	Energy Commission Hearing--Final Decision

***DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THESE EVENTS WILL BE SENT TO ALL PARTIES
IN A SEPARATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE EVENTS.**